

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2010 AT 6:45 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Annette S. Perkins	-Chair
	James D. Politis	-Vice Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Supervisors
	William H. Brown	
	Gary D. Creed	
	Doug Marrs	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Steve Sandy	-Planning Director
	Ruth L. Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors
ABSENT:	John A. Muffo	-Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

At the request of the Economic Development Director, the County Attorney asked that the following item be removed from the closed meeting agenda:

Section 2.2-3711 (5)      Discussion Concerning a Prospective Business or Industry or the Expansion of an Existing Business or Industry Where No Previous Announcement Has Been Made of the Business or Industry's Interest in Locating or Expanding Its Facilities in the Community.

1. Project # 2010-007

## **INTO CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following:

Section 2.2-3711

- (1) Discussion, Consideration or Interviews of Prospective Candidates for Employment; Assignment, Appointment, Promotion, Performance, Demotion, Salaries, Disciplining or Resignation of Specific Officers, Appointees or Employees of Any Public Body

1. Fire & Rescue Commission
2. Parks & Recreation Commission

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Gary D. Creed	None	John A. Muffo
William H. Brown		
James D. Politis		
Mary W. Biggs		
Doug Marrs		
Annette S. Perkins		

## **OUT OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by William H. Brown, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Closed Meeting to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
William H. Brown	None	John A. Muffo
James D. Politis		
Mary W. Biggs		
Doug Marrs		
Gary D. Creed		
Annette S. Perkins		

## **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

### **VOTE**

#### **AYES**

James D. Politis  
Mary W. Biggs  
Doug Marrs  
Gary D. Creed  
William H Brown  
Annette S. Perkins

#### **NAYS**

None

#### **ABSENT DURING VOTE**

John A. Muffo

#### **ABSENT DURING MEETING**

John A. Muffo

## **INVOCATION**

A moment of silence was lead by the Chair.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## **DELEGATIONS**

### **Virginia Tech/Montgomery Regional Airport**

Michael St. Jean, Executive Director, provided an update on the Virginia Tech/Montgomery Regional Airport activities and capital plans. Mr. St. Jean provided a history of the airport as follows:

**1913** - A flying field was set up in a local farmer's pasture.

**1929** - The Virginia Highway Department started work on the VPI Airport.

**1931** - The Virginia Tech Airport officially opened.

**1940** - A hangar was added to the initial construction. The airport was a valuable training facility for University Cadets prior to World War II.

**Today** - The Airport's mission has evolved to mainly serving the community.

Mr. St. Jean reported that the airport is seeing less recreational use and more corporate use; therefore, in order to accommodate larger corporate planes the runway needs to be extended. The runway length is being extended to 5,500 ft and the runway rehabilitation project is underway with the engineering work almost completed. The construction of the runway is scheduled to for the Spring 2011. The runway will be closed for at least 10 months to allow for the construction. There will be one 2,000 ft. runway open for private planes.

Mr. St. Jean thanked the Board for the opportunity to update them on the Airport activities and upcoming projects.

### **Virginia Department of Transportation**

David Clarke, VDOT Residency Maintenance Manager, updated the Board of Supervisors on road issues/concerns in Montgomery County.

Mr. Clarke reported that the area has already seen its first round of snow on December 3, 2010 and believed the snow removal crew did a good job. He stated that VDOT had a meeting with the Virginia State Police and Public Safety Officials concerning future weather events on I-81.

Mr. Clarke reported that the safety project (shoulder upgrade) along Prices Fork Road is completed and VDOT will soon begin installing/replacing guardrails.

Supervisor Brown noted there was a letter in the Current section of the Roanoke Times that was very complimentary of VDOT's Prices Fork Road project.

Board of Supervisors reported the following concerns:

Big Vein Road & McCoy Road – ditching work. Supervisor Brown asked for a time frame when the ditching work to alleviate flooding problems at the Big Vein Road & McCoy Road Intersection will be on VDOT's list. David Clarke replied VDOT has plans to install 2 more pipes but could not give a timeframe when work will begin. Supervisor Brown stated that if VDOT could keep the brush cut back it would also help.

Keisters Branch Road – Supervisor Brown was asked by citizens if double yellow lines could be painted on the road. David Clarke will review.

High Rock Hill Road - Supervisor Politis reported yellow lines were painted only on the bridge at High Rock Hill Road and asked that the road also be striped.

The Chair thanked Mr. Clarke for updating the Board of Supervisors and wished him a Happy Holiday.

### **Virginia Cooperative Extension**

Michelle Dickerson, Extension Agent, reported on the Montgomery County Extension Quarterly Report. Ms. Dickerson reported that the state-wide restructuring plan for Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) is in the early stages. Montgomery County's Agriculture and Natural Resources Director position was cut with Pulaski, Giles and Floyd County helping out where needed.

Ms. Dickerson introduced Michael Martin, VCE Southwest Virginia Regional Director, to discuss the restructuring plan. Mr. Martin's territory covers twelve counties, from Alleghany to Lee County.

Mr. Martin explained that the plan allows Virginia Cooperative Extension to reduce costs, maintain a local presence across the commonwealth, and continue to provide high-quality, science-based educational programming for Virginia. It calls for consolidating field staff into a regional structure. Over the years the VCE's budget has been reduced significantly with \$5.3 million cut last year.

Mr. Martin reported they are in early discussions on how the restructuring plan will impact Montgomery County and will continue discussions for at least 4-5 months.

### **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Paul Smeal, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, addressed the Board regarding the County's Parks and Recreation program. Mr. Smeal commended the recreation program in the County and praised the recreational staff. He supports the Parks and Recreation budget as submitted. He stated all county recreation programs are growing with increased participation.

For some of the youth programs, the number of applications received far out number the spaces available. Mr. Smeal thanked the Board of Supervisors for their continued support of the County's recreational programs.

Jeff Mitchell addressed the Board regarding school capital needs. Mr. Mitchell thanked Supervisor Politis for his leadership and recommendation on finding a solution for funding new schools. He commented the School Board at their last meeting adopted PPEA guidelines and there seems to be interest already. Mr. Mitchell noted that on the Board of Supervisors' agenda tonight for consideration is a resolution of appropriation to the Schools for \$4.8 million for the Auburn and Blacksburg school projects. He expressed concern that if this money is appropriated it will detour the School Board from proceeding with the PPEA process.

Lynn Ewing spoke in support of Montgomery County's Extension program especially the Master Gardener Program. Ms. Ewing urged the Board to fund the Extension's budget at level funding.

There being no further speakers, the public address session was closed.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated December 13, 2010 was approved.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Doug Marrs	None	John A. Muffo
Gary D. Creed		
William H. Brown		
James D. Politis		
Mary W. Biggs		
Annette S. Perkins		

### **A-FY-11-51 SHERIFF TRANSFER FROM GENERAL CONTINGENCIES**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that a transfer of appropriation is hereby authorized, as follows:

<u>FROM:</u>	
950 General Contingencies	(\$1,877)

TO:  
320 Sheriff County \$1,877

Said resolution transfers appropriated funds from General Contingencies to the Sheriff's Office to cover burial expenses for an indigent deceased citizen.

**A-FY-11-52**  
**SCHOOL OPERATING FUND**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the School Operating Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, for the function and in the amount as follows:

610000 Instruction	\$191,046
640000 Operations and Maintenance	<u>\$225,813</u>
Total	\$416,859

The sources of funds for the foregoing appropriation are as follows:

<u>Revenue Account:</u>	
GAPS (Teach American History Grants)	\$191,046
Universal Service Discounts (E-Rate)	<u>\$225,813</u>
Total	\$416,859

Said resolution appropriates additional funds for the School Operating Fund.

**A-FY-11-53**  
**2010 QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION**  
**BOND INTEREST SUBSIDY**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Debt Service Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, for the function and in the amount as follows:

920 School Debt Service	\$636,980
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The source of funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

Revenue Account:

Interest Subsidy

\$636,980

Said resolution appropriates interest subsidy monies for the 2010 Qualified School Construction Bond.

**A-FY-11-54  
VICTIM WITNESS GRANT**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 for the function and in the amount as follows:

551	Victim Witness Grant	\$134,195
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

Revenue Account

25511-424401	Victim Witness Grant	\$134,195
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Said resolution appropriates the Victim Witness Grant funds for FY 11.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ORD-FY-11-08  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN –  
FUTURE POLICY MAP DESIGNATION FOR A PORTION OF TAX MAP  
PARCEL NO(S). 071-A-21, 071-A-43, 071-A-29, 071-A-22, 071-A-23, 071-A-24, 071-A-28  
(ACCOUNT # 016478, 070209, 016475, 016480, 016476, 016477, 016474) LOCATED AT  
382 RYAN ROAD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 63 ACRES LOCATED  
IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO RYAN ROAD FROM LOW DENSITY  
RESIDENTIAL TO RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP**

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously,

BE IT ORDAINED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby amends the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Future Policy Map and Shawsville Village Policy Map designations for a portion of Tax Map Parcel No. 071-A-21, 071-A-43, 071-A-29, 071-A-22, 071-A-23, 071-A-24, 071-A-28 (account # 016478, 070209, 016475, 016480, 016476, 016477, 016474) located at 382 Ryan Road containing approximately 63 acres located immediately adjacent to Ryan Road. This amendment removes this property from the Shawsville Village and changes the future land use designation from Low Density Residential



(Shawsville Village) to Resource Stewardship after finding that the proposed change meets the requirements of Section PLU 1.1.1 Policy Area Designations of the Comprehensive Plan.

This action was commenced at the request of the Montgomery County Planning Commission on behalf of the property owner Long Hollow, LLC. (David Dunkenberger).

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

The vote on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
William H. Brown	None	John A. Muffo
James D. Politis		
Mary W. Biggs		
Doug Marrs		
Gary D. Creed		
Annette S. Perkins		

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **R-FY-11-54 RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY GRANTING A LICENSE TO LOCATE AND MAINTAIN A COUNTY STORMWATER FACILITY**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Agreement by and between Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Montgomery County, Virginia, granting Montgomery County a license to locate and maintain a County stormwater facility on Railway Land adjacent to the County Government Center property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes Annette S. Perkins, Chair, to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County of Montgomery, Virginia.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
James D. Politis	None	John A. Muffo
Mary W. Biggs		
Doug Marrs		
Gary D. Creed		
William H. Brown		
Annette S. Perkins		

**A-FY-11-55**  
**SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS**  
**TRANSFER FOR THE NEW BLACKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL AND**  
**AUBURN STRAND CAPITAL PROJECTS**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by James D. Politis and carried,

BE IT RESOLVED, That a transfer between projects of the School Capital Projects Fund was granted for the function and in the amount as follows:

FROM:

6617	Eastern Montgomery Elementary School	(\$3,300,000)
6616	Price's Fork Elementary School	<u>(\$1,500,000)</u>
	Total	(\$4,800,000)

TO:

6619	Auburn Strand Project	\$2,400,000
6626	New Blacksburg High School	<u>\$2,400,000</u>
	Total	\$4,800,000

Said resolution transfers funds appropriated from the 2008 bond issuance from the Eastern Montgomery Elementary School and Price's Fork Elementary School projects to the New Blacksburg High School project and the Auburn Strand project

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Mary W. Biggs  
Doug Marrs  
James D. Politis  
William H. Brown  
Annette S. Perkins

NAY

Gary D. Creed

ABSENT

John A. Muffo

**R-FY-11-55**  
**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**  
**CONGRESSMAN RICK BOUCHER**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by William H. Brown and carried unanimously,

**WHEREAS**, For the past twenty-eight years *Congressman Rick Boucher* has represented Virginia's 9<sup>th</sup> District in the United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure, **Congressman Boucher** has contributed to the growth and development of our area by initiating numerous projects through his leadership which will continue to have a revitalizing and growing impact on our community; and

**WHEREAS**, **Congressman Boucher** was the catalyst for bringing the EchoStar call center to Montgomery County, which employs approximately 1,000 people; and

**WHEREAS**, **Congressman Boucher** participated in the effort to obtain grant funding for Phase II of the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, which will feature an additional 18 buildings on 95 acres and will double the available square footage for research and development; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Supervisors wishes to express its great appreciation to **Congressman Boucher** for the important contributions he has made to our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia extends a unanimous vote of appreciation to **Congressman Rick Boucher** for his contributions to the Montgomery County community and for his outstanding public service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the original of this resolution be presented to **Congressman Rick Boucher** as a testimonial of the high esteem in which he is regarded by the members of the Board of Supervisors and that a copy be made a part of the official minutes of Montgomery County.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mary W. Biggs	None	John A. Muffo
Doug Marrs		
Gary D. Creed		
William H. Brown		
James D. Politis		
Annette S. Perkins		

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The County Administrator reported that EMT Classes in Montgomery County are scheduled to start in January with 22 people signed up to take the class. The EMT class is a training class for the County's fire and rescue volunteers. According to the Emergency Services Coordinator they may be short on funding to cover the cost of the class. The County Administrator stated that staff is reviewing the budget to see if funds are available.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

**Supervisor Creed** recognized the Eastern Montgomery High School's football Team, the "Mustangs" in winning the 2010 State Championship. He stated that several all time records were set this year.

**Blacksburg High School Gymnasium Roof Collapse** Supervisor Creed received an e-mail regarding the Roanoke Times article published on December 5, 2010 reporting that School officials knew of significant structural problems inside the school and particularly the gym for more than ten years. The e-mail contents express disbelief on what was reported and if the report is true then the citizen is appalled about the gross negligence on behalf of the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Biggs commented that this issue was brought up at the last School Board meeting and the School Superintendent was given instructions by the School Board to investigate what was reported.

**Supervisor Brown** also congratulated the Eastern Montgomery High School Mustangs on winning the 2010 State Football Championship.

**Virginia Municipal Clerks Association (VMCA)** – Supervisor Brown reported that the VMCA will be holding their annual state conference in Blacksburg in April 2011. The Town of Blacksburg and Montgomery County will be hosting the conference.

**Supervisor Marrs** congratulated the Eastern Montgomery High School Mustangs on winning the 2010 State Football Championship. He also recognized the Christiansburg High School football team for winning the District Championship. They are the 2010 River Ridge District Champions.

**Supervisor Biggs** echoed comments made by fellow Board members recognizing the East Mont Mustangs and the Christiansburg Blue Demons.

**Inspection of County Facilities** –Supervisor Biggs asked for an update on inspections of county facilities. She knows that county staff has been working with the school administration; however, is there a policy in place.

The County Administrator replied that two firms have been interviewed for the inspections of county facilities. He will have more information by the first of the year.

**Supervisor Politis** thanked all the citizens who have been coming out and participating in the Board meetings. He also thanked his fellow board members for their support.

**Supervisor Perkins** congratulated students in all the County schools who have excelled in their field. There have been state and national winners in many different areas, such as drama, science, sports, and music.

Supervisor Perkins reported this was her last meeting as Chair. It has been her pleasure to serve as the Chair of the Board of Supervisors since 2008.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to Monday, January 10, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____	ATTEST: _____
Annette S. Perkins	F. Craig Meadows
Chair, Board of Supervisors	County Administrator